GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4570
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SMART CARD PROJECT
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Army has entrusted the project of Smart Card based Canteen and Grocery Management System to Delhi based firm M/s. Smart Chip Limited without taking into account the security related risks in the project;

(b) if so, whether the Government has investigated the matter; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) to (c): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4570 FOR 25.8.2005

Implementation of the Quarter Master General's (QMG's) Branch Software on CIMS (Canteen Inventory Management System) software interfaced with smart cards has been awarded to M/s Smart Chip Limited after following the laid down procedures. Clearance on account of security was not sought as Army Head Quarters have assessed that the data pertaining to the CIMS is not classified. However, all the employees of Smart Chip Limited who are involved in implementation of CIMS are required to obtain security clearance from the respective formation Head Quarters before taking up the work. They are not allowed to access any classified data or any area other than the canteens. The security interest is, therefore, not jeopardised.